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**Response to Rule 312  
Communication**

The petition filed \_\_\_\_\_ under 37 CFR 1.312(b) is granted. The paper has been forwarded to the examiner for consideration on the merits.

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Director,  
Patent Examining Group \_\_\_\_\_

The amendment filed February 22, 1999 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- entered.
- entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention (Order 3311).
- disapproved. See explanation below.
- entered in part. See explanation below.

The application issued as Patent No. 5,902,821 on  
May 11, 1999. The Amendment reached the Examiner  
June 7, 2000.

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